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**BEYOND THE SOUNDBITE: ARTS AND ACADEMIC LEARNING HEARING
TO BE HELD ON SEPT. 19 IN BURBANK, CA**

What: The State Legislature's Joint Committee on the Arts, chaired by State Senator Jack Scott (D-Altadena), will hold an informational hearing on the relationship between arts and academic learning in California's K-12 public school system. New research studies and data will be unveiled and discussed. Information gleaned from the hearing may be used for future legislation.

"Current research suggests that arts provides critical links for students to develop crucial thinking and social skills," said Senator Scott. "The hearing will explore this topic and ask what needs to occur on both the state and local levels for greater quality arts instruction that would lead to student engagement and success in academics."

When: Thursday, September 19 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Where: Burbank City Council Chambers, 275 E. Olive Ave., Burbank, California.

Who: Some of the participants who have agreed to testify before the Joint Committee includes:

- Delaine Eastin, State Superintendent of Public Instruction
- Roy Romer, Superintendent, Los Angeles Unified School District
- Debbie Allen, Actress/Producer
- James Catterall, Education Professor, UCLA
- Cynthia Harnisch, Executive Director, Inner-City Arts, Los Angeles
- Barry Hessenius, Director, California Arts Council
- Ken Robinson, The J.Paul Getty Trust, Senior Advisor to the President, Education
- Pam Ellis, Vice President, Board of Education, Glendale Unified School District
- Laurie Schell, Executive Director, California Alliance for the Arts
- Douglas Newton, Principal, McKinley School, Pasadena Unified School District
- Carol Kocivar, Legislative Advocate, California State PTA

- Ayanna Hudson, Arts Education Program Director, Los Angeles County Arts Commission
- Ella Steinberg, Director, Visual and Performing Arts Department, San Diego City Schools
- Andrea Canady, Director, Elementary Education, Burbank Unified School District

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